Economics Community of Practice

How to start a good program in your MSC neighborhood

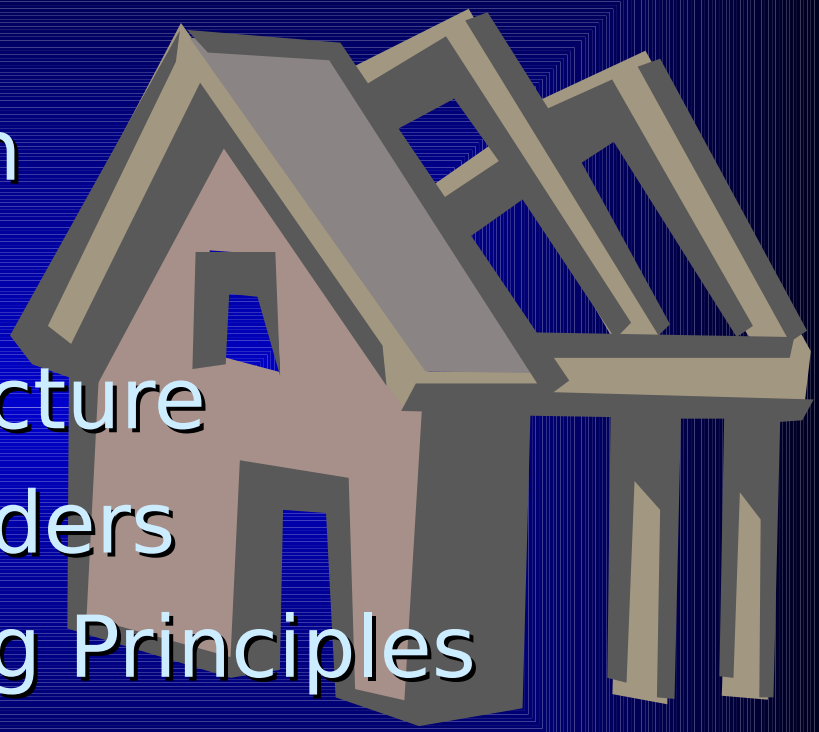
Planning Community of Practice
2006 Conference

What is a CoP?

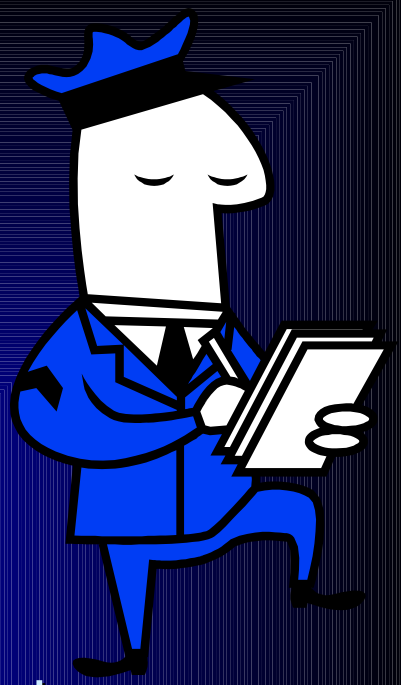
A CoP is a community of individuals that practice and share an interest in a major functional area or business line.

Define Framework

- Establish direction
- Relationship
- Organization Structure
- Establish CoP Leaders
- Charter/ Operating Principles



CoP Functions



- Common functions of a CoP are:
  - Collaborating on issues, interests, documents
  - Becoming more capable in an interest area
  - Building relationships with others of common interest
  - Communicating within a network of interest
  - Sharing knowledge, information and learning in an interest area

CoP Rewards

- Technology Transfer
- Consistent Policy Application
- Basic principles of planning
- Share workload, knowledge
- Career path
- Understanding fundamentals/basic principles

CoP Rewards (con't.)

- Share workload
- Share knowledge
- Identification of quality process
- Identification of reference sources
- Relationship building
- Foster team work
- Career development

CoP Rewards (con't.)

- Virtual membership
- Problem solving
- Exchange case studies
- Sharing checklist
- ITR assignment facilitati

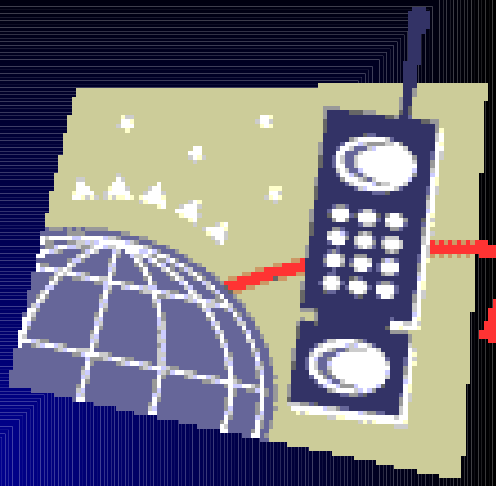
CoPs are about building attention to people by:

- Building Trust
- Enhancing and Expanding Relationships
- Providing clear and shared understanding
- Being accountable to each other
- Capturing and sharing knowledge to serve others

LRD Agenda (FY06-07)

- Four virtual meetings (each CoP) addressing Division need
- Survey members to identify needs
- Setup a CoP website (with individual sub areas for specialty

Quarterly Virtual Meeting



- 1-1/2 – 2 hour Teleconference
- Use NetMeeting for PowerPoint Presentation or Application Demonstration (e.g. Computer Model)
- Start with MSC status or news to community
- End with Quick Participant Observations / Suggestions

MS NetMeeting®

- Advantages
  - Powerful Virtual Meeting Collaboration Tool
  - Easy to Share PC Demonstrations
  - Free (Bundled with MS OS, XP, 2000, etc)
  - Easy to Setup and Use (Get handout)
  - With LAN High Speed Internet, frees phone for audio

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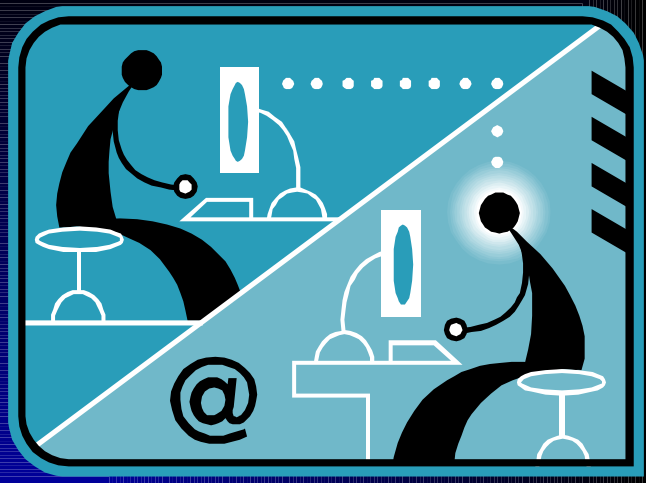

- Disadvantages
  - Cannot combine Corps users with Outsiders
  - Bandwidth Issues Limit Number of Simultaneous Users in a Session
  - No Longer Supported By MS

Groove ®

- You Can Also View Simultaneous PowerPoint Session Using Groove Though the Setup Is More Extensive Than NetMeeting®

Data Exchange

- Use Website
- Use Division Folders
- File Marshall© (http://www.filemarshal.com/)
- USACE ftp site (ftp://ftp.usace.army.mil)

USACE List Server

- What is ls-econ-cop ? (formerly ls-econ-soc)
- Discussion group for the US Army Corps of Engineers Economics Community of Practice (CoP) regarding evaluation methodologies, data analysis, information sites, computer applications, etc
- Sign up today!!!

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OUR TOTAL FAILURE TO MAKE ANY PROGRESS.

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